

Application No. 10/822040
Amendment dated April 4, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 11, 2006

Docket No.: 013192.0101D1US

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 13 - 17 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6, 15, and 17 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 and 6 of copending US Application No. 10/040,756 (now US Patent No. 6,776,743 issued August 17, 2004). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5, which was indicated to be allowable. Therefore, the amended claim 1 is patentable. Claims 5, 15, and 17 have been canceled. Claim 6 depends on claim 1, and therefore is patentable for the reasons given above.

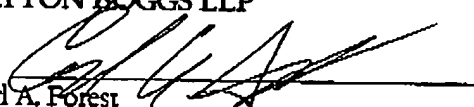
The Examiner has rejected Claim 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 13 has been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 16 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones (US Patent No. 4,500,089, as being anticipated by Lambert '626 (US Patent No. 4,240,626), and as being anticipated by Lambert '279 (US Patent No. 4,200,279). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5, which was indicated to be allowable. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable. Claims 14 and 15 has been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013192.0101D1US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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